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Subject: 2020-2021 Maine School Age Immunization Assessment Survey

To: School Nurses

Maine law (20A M.R.S.A. 6358, Chapters 126 & 216) requires students enrolled in grades K-12 to be immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, measles, mumps, rubella, polio and varicella (chicken pox). Additionally, all students enrolled in grades 7-12 must be immunized against meningococcal meningitis. Under this law, students are required to have either vaccine administration records, a physician note or laboratory evidence to prove immunity, a physician note indicating the student is medically exempt, or a religious or philosophical objection note from a parent/guardian for each of the required vaccines listed above.

This year the 2020-2021 Maine School Age Immunization Assessment Survey will be strictly web-based (electronic). All public and private schools in Maine with students in kindergarten, seventh, and/or twelfth grades are **REQUIRED** to report. The data from this survey is used to measure compliance and assess the level of immunization coverage throughout the State of Maine.

To complete the survey, you will need the following information:

- # of students enrolled in kindergarten, seventh, and/or twelfth grades
- For each required vaccine:
 - # of students vaccinated or immune through laboratory evidence
 - # of students with medical, religious, or philosophical exemptions
 - # of students with missing records -- Maine law states that a student must provide either a vaccine record or submit necessary exemptions statements or they are NOT legally allowed to attend school in Maine. Please make sure that your student immunization files are up-to-date prior to completing this survey.

Please ensure that the electronic version is submitted online to the Maine Immunization Program by **December 15, 2020**.

For questions or comments, please contact the Maine Immunization Program at ImmunizeME.DHHS@maine.gov or 207-287-3746.

To begin the electronic survey, please type this link into your web browser:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/school2020me>

Sincerely,

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